



THE RICE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
408 Division Street, Northfield, MN 55057

2012 Spring Issue

The Rice County Genealogical Society meets at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday on even months at the Rice County Historical Society Museum, 1814 NW 2nd Avenue, Faribault, and on odd months in the Marston Headley Research Room in the lower level of the Northfield Historical Society Building, 408 Division Street, Northfield. Meetings are suspended during June, July and August. Special meetings may be called for research trips or for working on projects.

**MEETING DATES:**

Jan. 17, 2012  
Feb. 21, 2012  
Mar. 20, 2012

Apr. 17, 2012  
May 15, 2012

May 22, 2012

Sept. 18, 2012  
Oct. 16, 2012

Nov. 20, 2012

Dec. 18, 2012

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.

Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting. Newsletter items due

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2012 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing.

Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting.

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting/presentation on The  
Old Prairieville Cemetery.

Faribault: Special trip: luncheon 11:00 a.m. at

Bernie's followed by trip to Old Prairieville Cemetery

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting. Newsletter items due

Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting. Approve the Fall

2010 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing.

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.

Election of officers for 2013. Dues for 2013 due.

Faribault: 11:30 Annual Christmas get-together at The

Depot. 2:00 short meeting at the Rice Co. Historical  
Society Museum. Final date for 2013 dues to be paid.

**OFFICERS:**

President.....Audrey DeMann  
Vice President.....Arlene Williams  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Dorothy Herkenratt  
Newsletter Editor/Publisher Dorothy Herkenratt

Dues are for the calendar year and are \$10  
for an individual and \$12 for a family.  
The newsletter is included with membership

Members currently are actively working on their family lines and in searching out the history of those who came to live in or who passed through Rice County.

Please call ahead to schedule research in the Marston Headley Research Room.

**2012 LIST OF TOWNSHIP CLERKS IN RICE COUNTY:**

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**Great-Grandparents of Dorothy Chester Herkenratt (Mrs. Richard Herkenratt)**  
Contact Dorothy by writing to 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault, MN 55021

**William Orr**

Date of Birth: 25 May 1806  
Place of Birth: Derry Co., Ireland  
Marriage: 13 October 1836  
Place of Marriage: Prescott, near Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada  
Death: 19 December 1860  
Place of Death: Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada at home

**Harriet Ann Anderson**

Date of Birth: 18 September 1817  
Place of Birth: near Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada  
Death: 22 May 1899  
Place of Death: at son Leslie Orr's home two miles west of Dundas, Rice Co., Minnesota

The following is an abbreviated history of my Orr ancestors.

My Great-grandfather William Orr was born in Derry Co., Ireland and came to Canada either in the late 1820s or the early 1830s. Supposedly he was of English parentage, but that has yet to be proven. It is known, however, that he was a "free" Presbyterian and he is so listed along with his wife Harriet and their children in the 1851 Canada West (Ontario) Census. In 1836 William Orr and Harriet Anderson were married in Prescott, Canada and the record shows that William was living in Matilda and Harriet in Edwardsburg at that time. William and Harriet left Canada for New York state shortly after their marriage and it was there that their oldest child, Catherine Urania, was born in Lisbon in Dec. 1837. However, the family moved back to Canada a short time later and settled close to Harriet's Anderson family near Edwardsburg. Other than William became a well-to-do farmer, that he died in his home in Canada and that he is (was) buried there, I know little. I say "was" buried because the rubbing of the large granite monument at his gravesite was done in 1970 and the last family member to try to visit the gravesite found that the river had washed away so much of the cemetery that William Orr's grave had disappeared. His monument had been moved to preserve it and now can be found in a row of rescued gravestones at one side of the cemetery.

Great-grandmother Harriet Ann Anderson Orr was born to Harriet Ann "Hannah" Adams and John Anderson on the Anderson homestead near Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada, which lies on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. She spent her early girlhood at the farm and, at the age of nineteen, on 13 October 1836, she married William Orr. They moved to New York state where they lived a short time before returning to Canada. Harriet and William were the parents of ten children, all born in Edwardsburg with the exception of the eldest, Catherine Urania, who was born in Lisbon, New York: Catherine Urania, Robert Elijah, Hannah Jane, Peter, Amelia, George Clark, William Henry, Alice Elizabeth, John Harvey (my grandfather), and Leslie Rufus. After William's death (while most records say they came to Dundas in 1868) according to written records left by my Grandpa John Orr, Harriet continued to live in their Canadian home until 1868 when she and her children with the exception of Hannah moved to New York state and then moved on to Michigan and with four of her children, William Henry, Alice Elizabeth, John Harvey and Leslie Rufus, came in 1870 to Dundas in Rice Co., Minnesota, to join her eldest daughter Catherine Urania and her husband William Thomas Cleland who had come to Dundas in November of 1865. Harriet was one of the earliest settlers in the Dundas community where she remained for the rest of her life, staying in very good health until a week before her death when she complained of a slight difficulty in breathing. The day of her death she had eaten quite a "hearty supper" before retiring at her usual hour, telling her son Leslie that she was feeling "considerably better and would be all right in a day or two" but she died during her sleep that night. At the time of Harriet's death, nine of her children were still living: John and Leslie Orr and Catherine Urania (Mrs. William T. Cleland) of Dundas; Alice (Mrs. Nathan S. Davenport) of Dennison, Minnesota; William Henry "Harry" Orr of Todd Co., Minnesota; George and Robert Orr and Amelia (Mrs. John Ferguson) of Michigan; and Hannah Jane "Jane" (Mrs. Joseph



Beyers) of Cardinal, Ontario, Canada. Her son Peter, who predeceased her, had been killed during the Civil War. The Civil War pension Harriet received was based on Peter's service.

Harriet Ann Anderson Orr was buried from The Church of the Holy Cross (Episcopal) in Dundas where two stained glass windows in her memory were placed on which is engraved on the lower wooden rail of the east window "Memoriam" and on the west window "Harriet Ann Orr." Her obituary stated that "Mrs. Orr was an estimable woman who was loved and respected by all who knew her. .... She was one of Minnesota's earliest settlers. .... Deceased was 81 years of age and had been long known among the younger people of the community by the familiar name 'Grandma Orr.' None knew her but to love her, and she will be greatly missed."

Harriet was laid to rest in Groveland Cemetery Sec. 20-4 in Dundas where the large gray granite monument seated on a two-tier base with "ORR" is engraved "Harriet Ann Orr Born Sept. 18, 1817 Died May 22, 1899." A large English-style "O" is incised above the engraving.

One of our treasured family heirlooms is a small brass candlestick which threads together so that it can be assembled and reassembled to be reconfigure in many ways. It had been well used by my great-grandmother during her lifetime.

William and Harriet Ann Orr's children were

1. Catherine Urania "Urane" Orr born Lisbon, New York 17 Dec. 1837; died 22 Dec. 1923 Dundas, Rice Co., MN; married in Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada 22 Aug. 1855 to Wm. Thomas Cleland born 1830 Canada; died 12 Mar. 1909 Dundas.
2. Robert Elijah Orr born 7 Aug. 1839 Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada; died 2 Mar. 1917 Silver Creek, Gunplain Twp., Allengen Co., MI; married 1867 in NY Elizabeth R. Dunn born 1844 and died 1917; lived in Michigan
3. Hannah Jane Orr born 29 July 1841 Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada; died 15 Oct. 1915 Cardinal, Grenville Co., Ontario; married in Spencerville, Grenville Co., Ontario on 12 July 1862 Joseph B. Beyers born 1844 and died 1929; remained in Canada
4. Peter Orr born July 13, 1843 Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada; died in Civil War and was buried in the trenches
5. Amelia Orr born 27 Dec. 1845 Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada; died 1 Feb. 1915; married first Henry Russell born 1837 and died 1899; married second John Ferguson; lived in Michigan
6. George Clark Orr born 15 Feb. 1848 Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada; died 20 Dec. 1922 Saginaw, Saginaw Co., MI; married 1879 in Spencerville, Grenville Co., Ontario, Isabelle J. Arthur born 1848, died 1920; lived in Michigan
7. William Henry "Henry" Orr born 28 May 1850 Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada; died 24 May 1929 Faribault, Rice Co., MN; married Hastings, Dakota Co., MN 25 Dec. 1872 Jane Ingram born 2 Feb. 1852 Canada; died 31 Mar. 1928 Faribault, Rice Co., MN
8. Alice Elizabeth Orr born 19 Mar. 1853 Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada; died 7 Sept. 1939 Dennison, Rice Co., MN; married 18 Nov. 1871 Nathan Smiley Davenport born 17 Jan. 1843 near St. Johnsbury, Caledonia Co., VT; died 7 Jan 1930 Dennison, Rice Co., MN
9. John Harvey Orr "Grandpa John" born 13 Jan 1856 Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada; died 21 Nov. 1928 Dundas, Rice Co., MN; married in Dundas, Rice Co., MN 15 May 1883 Clara Elizabeth "Dolly" Taylor first white child born in Dundas 4 Jan. 1858; died 22 Aug. 1942 Faribault, Rice Co., MN
10. Leslie Rufus "Les" Orr born 10 Nov. 1859 Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada; died 14 Apr. 1936 Hughson, Stanislaus Co., CA; married in Dundas 10 Nov. 1884 Louise M. Thielbar born 29 Sept. 1861 Rice Co.; died 5 Oct. 1945 Hughson, Stanislaus Co., CA

2ND AND NEXT GENERATIONS TO BE CONTINUED



## Family Group Record

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Husband: William ORR			
Born:	25 May 1806	Place:	Derry Co., Ireland
Chr.:		Place:	
Died:	19 Dec 1860	Place:	Edwardsburgh, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
Bur.:	Dec 1860	Place:	Presb. Cem., Cardinal, Ontario, Canada
Marr.:	13 Oct 1836	Place:	Prescott, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
Father:		Mother:	
Wife: Harriet Ann ANDERSON			
Born:	18 Sep 1817	Place:	near Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
Chr.:		Place:	..., Canada
Died:	22 May 1899	Place:	near Dundas, Bridgewater Twp., Rice Co, MN
Bur.:	25 May 1899	Place:	Groveland Cem., Dundas, Rice Co., MN
Father: John ANDERSON		Mother: Harriet Ann "Hannah" ADAMS	
Sex	Children	List each child (living or dead)	
M/F		in order of birth	
1.	Name: Catherine Urania ORR	Spouse: William Thomas CLELAND	
F	Born: 17 Dec 1837	Place:	Lisbon, New York
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died: 22 Jan 1923	Place:	Dundas, Rice Co, MN, at home
	Bur.: 24 Jan 1923	Place:	Groveland Cem., Dundas, Rice Co, MN
	Marr.: 22 Aug 1855	Place:	Edwardsburg, Grenville Co, Ontario, Canada
2.	Name: Robert Elijah ORR	Spouse: Elizabeth R. DUNN	
M	Born: 7 Aug 1839	Place:	Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died: 2 Mar 1917	Place:	Silver Creek, Gunplain Twp., Allegan Co., MI
	Bur.: Mar 1917	Place:	MI
	Marr.: 1867	Place:	NY
3.	Name: Hannah Jane ORR	Spouse: Joseph B. BEYERS	
F	Born: 29 Jul 1841	Place:	Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died: 15 Oct 1915	Place:	Cardinal, Grenville Co, Ontario, CAN
	Bur.: 1915	Place:	CAN
	Marr.: 12 Jul 1862	Place:	Spencerville, Grenville Co, Ontario, CAN
4.	Name: Peter ORR	Spouse:	
M	Born: 13 Jul 1843	Place:	Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died:	Place:	battlefield
	Bur.:	Place:	CivilWarTrenches, in battlefield
	Marr.:	Place:	
5.	Name: Amelia ORR	Spouse: Henry RUSSELL	
F	Born: 27 Dec 1845	Place:	Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died: 1 Feb 1915	Place:	
	Bur.:	Place:	
	Marr.:	Place:	
6.	Name: George Clark ORR	Spouse: Isabelle J. ARTHUR	
M	Born: 15 Feb 1848	Place:	Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died: 20 Dec 1922	Place:	Saginaw, Saginaw Co, MI, SaginawGen.Hosp.
	Bur.:	Place:	
	Marr.: 1879	Place:	Spencerville, Grenville Co., Ontario, CAN
7.	Name: William Henry ORR "Henry"	Spouse: Jane INGRAM	
M	Born: 28 May 1850	Place:	Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died: 24 May 1929	Place:	Faribault, Rice Co, MN
	Bur.: May 1929	Place:	Groveland Cem, Dundas, Rice Co, MN
	Marr.: 25 Dec 1872	Place:	Hastings, Dakota Co, MN
8.	Name: Alice Elizabeth ORR	Spouse: Nathan Smiley DAVENPORT	
F	Born: 19 Mar 1853	Place:	Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died: 7 Sep 1939	Place:	Dennison, Goodhue Co, MN, son's home
	Bur.: Sep 1939	Place:	Northfield Cem, Northfield, Rice Co, MN
	Marr.: 18 Nov 1871	Place:	
9.	Name: John Harvey ORR	Spouse: Clara Elizabeth TAYLOR	
M	Born: 13 Jan 1856	Place:	Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died: 21 Nov 1928	Place:	Dundas, Rice Co., Minnesota
	Bur.: 23 Nov 1928	Place:	Groveland Cem, Dundas, Rice Co., Minnesota
	Marr.: 15 May 1883	Place:	HolyCrossEpls.Ch, Dundas, Rice Co, MN
10.	Name: Leslie Rufus ORR "Les"	Spouse: Louise M. THIELBAR	
M	Born: 10 Nov 1859	Place:	Edwardsburg, Grenville Co., Ontario, Canada
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died: 14 Apr 1936	Place:	Hughson, Stanislaus Co., CA
	Bur.: Apr 1936	Place:	Hughson Cem., Hughson, Stanislaus Co., CA
	Marr.: 10 Nov 1884	Place:	Dundas, Rice Co, MN
11.	Name:	Spouse:	
	Born:	Place:	
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died:	Place:	
	Bur.:	Place:	
	Marr.:	Place:	
12.	Name:	Spouse:	
	Born:	Place:	
	Chr.:	Place:	
	Died:	Place:	
	Bur.:	Place:	
	Marr.:	Place:	

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Relationship of Submitter to Husband: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1— William ORR (1806)
  - sp- Harriet Ann ANDERSON (1817)
  - 2— Catherine Urania ORR (1837)
  - sp- William Thomas CLELAND (1830)
  - 3— Francis Thomas CLELAND "Frank" (1856)
  - sp- Martha Jane DIXON (1862)
  - 4— Agnes Gertrude CLELAND (1885)
  - sp- Lucius R. BOWE
  - 4— Ruth Harriet CLELAND (1888)
  - sp- Fred NEIL
  - 4— James Francis CLELAND "Wilfred" (1890)
  - 4— Glen Herbert CLELAND (1892)
  - 4— Hazel Rebecca CLELAND (1899)
  - sp- Ralph ROGERS
  - 4— Rufus Edward CLELAND "Edw." (1900)
  - 4— Esther Dixon CLELAND (1901)
  - sp- John BURLINGAME
  - 3— William Wesley CLELAND (1857)
  - 3— Anna Elizabeth CLELAND Mrs. Gallagher (1859)
  - sp- M. L. GALLAGHER
  - 3— Alma Lavinia CLELAND Mrs. Emery (1862)
  - sp- Lowell EMERY
  - 3— Mary Amelia CLELAND Mrs. Dixon (1863)
  - 3— John Allen CLELAND (1865)
  - 3— Amanda Eliza CLELAND (1869)
  - sp- Henry MANUEL (1861)
  - 3— Emma C. CLELAND (1870)
  - 3— Harvey Newton Dale CLELAND (1872)
  - 3— Ella Irene CLELAND (1874)
  - 3— dau. CLELAND (1877)
  - 3— Jessie Harriet CLELAND (1879)
  - sp- David A. CLARK
  - 4— Helen CLARK
  - 4— Catherine Prudence CLARK Mrs. Fossum (1913)
  - 3— Rowena Blanche CLELAND (1881)
  - sp- Wallace Edmund SIMNING (1878)
  - 4— Roger Leo SIMNING (1904)
  - 4— Dorothy Beatrice SIMNING (1908)
  - sp- Ralph E. ROBINSON
  - 4— Stuart Willard SIMNING (1910)
  - 2— Robert Elijah ORR (1839)
  - sp- Elizabeth R. DUNN (1844)
  - 3— Hattie Bell ORR (1868)
  - 3— Frederick J. ORR (1871)
  - 3— Franklin W. ORR (1882)
  - 2— Hannah Jane ORR (1841)
  - sp- Joseph B. BEYERS (1844)
  - 3— James BEYERS (1862)
  - 3— Kenneth McKenzie BEYERS (1868)
  - 3— Harvey Burns BEYERS (1870)
  - 3— Christy Ann BEYERS (1871)
  - 3— William Arthur BEYERS (1873)
  - 3— Margaret Jane BEYERS (1874)
  - 3— Margaret Jane BEYERS (1876)
  - 3— Elma Grace BEYERS (1877)



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- 3— Harriet Ann BEYERS (1880)
  - 2— Peter ORR (1843)
  - 2— Amelia ORR (1845)
  - sp- Henry RUSSELL (1837)
    - 3— William RUSSELL (1860)
    - 3— James RUSSELL (1862)
  - sp- John FERGUSON
  - 2— George Clark ORR (1848)
  - sp- Isabelle J. ARTHUR (1848)
    - 3— Lillian J. ORR (1879)
    - 3— Royal K. ORR (1881)
    - 3— Robert ORR (1832)
    - 3— Daisy Mae ORR (1834)
  - 2— William Henry ORR "Henry" (1850)
  - sp- Jane INGRAM (1852)
    - 3— Arthur Warren ORR (1873)
    - 3— Leslie Peter ORR (1875)
    - 3— Elsie Maude ORR (1878)
    - 3— Effie Viola ORR (1881)
    - 3— William Thomas ORR (1884)
  - sp- Hulda SCHIRMER (1886)
    - 4— Maurice R. ORR (1928)
    - sp- Dorene HAWKINSON
  - 3— Ethel Mary ORR (1888)
  - sp- Craig C. CALKINS (1874)
  - 2— Alice Elizabeth ORR (1853)
  - sp- Nathan Smiley DAVENPORT (1843)
    - 3— William Rufus DAVENPORT (1872)
    - sp- Addie Arletta CRUMP (1877)
      - 4— Cecyl DAVENPORT
      - sp- Eugene LAMM
      - 4— Kenneth P. DAVENPORT (1902)
      - sp- Gertrude H. FREMOUW
    - 3— Martha Clara DAVENPORT "Mattie" (1875)
    - sp- John Edward PRITCHARD
      - 4— Lucy Gertrude PRITCHARD (1896)
      - sp- Leo Samuel CANEDY (1896)
    - 3— Leslie C. DAVENPORT (1878)
    - sp- Rose WHITSON (1882)
      - 4— Ray E. DAVENPORT
      - sp- Alma BOYSEN
    - 3— Harriet Annette DAVENPORT "Nettie" (1887)
    - sp- Elmer Glenn HANSON
  - 2— John Harvey ORR (1856)
  - sp- Clara Elizabeth TAYLOR (1858)
    - 3— George Estley Ambrose ORR (1884)
    - sp- Mary "Mayme" Catherine DARDIS (1885)
      - 4— Eileen ORR (1917)
    - 3— Ethel May ORR (1889)
    - sp- Edward Ogden CHESTER (1880)
      - 4— Marie Ethel CHESTER (1921)
      - sp- Milton Arthur WILSON (1920)
      - sp- Romaine S. FOSS (1920)
      - 4— Dorothy Ann CHESTER (1925)
      - sp- Richard Milton HERKENRATT (1925)

- 4— John William CHESTER (1928)
  - sp- June Margaret FREDRICKSON (1934)
- 3— Earl William ORR (1892)
  - sp- Rose Constance CARON (1894)
- 4— Eva May ORR (1915)
  - sp- Charles SMITH
  - sp- Erv LINDE
  - sp- Gerald Earl DEAN
- 4— John William "Jack" ORR (1917)
  - sp- Videtta Adelle SLATER (1918)
- 4— Earl William "Bill" ORR Jr (1923)
  - sp- Rita M. HANLON (1928)
- 4— Maurice Charles ORR "Mo" (1924)
  - sp- Vivian Wolfe Mrs.
- 4— Lawrence Edward ORR "Larry" (1927)
  - sp- Lillas Jeannette ANDERSEN (1932)
- 4— Mary Elizabeth ORR "Sis" (1929)
  - sp- Lawrence Paul PEPER (1926)
- 2— Leslie Rufus ORR "Les" (1859)
  - sp- Louise M. THIELBAR (1861)
- 3— William Frederick ORR "Bill" (1884)
- 3— unnamed son ORR (1885)
- 3— Edith Lenore ORR (1888)
  - sp- Unknown ANDERSON
- 3— Edwin Leslie ORR (1890)
  - sp- Jessie REED
- 4— Kenneth ORR M.D.
  - sp- Hildur
- 3— Lee ORR (1892)
  - sp- Norma TUPPER
- 4— Mildred ORR
  - sp- Russell BADENSHIER
- 4— Kathleen ORR
  - sp- Pelvin SLINDEN
- 4— Dorothy ORR
  - sp- Ed BLOOMENSTEIN
- 4— Dorena ORR
  - sp- Ed KENNEY
- 4— Grace ORR
  - sp- GRANSEE
- 3— Grace ORR (1895)
  - sp- Loren HARRINGTON
  - sp- George Edward LITTLE
- 3— Jesse Henry ORR (1898)
- 3— Alton L. ORR adopted

#### Old Prairieville Cemetery Unearthed Near Faribault - by Cheri Albers

On May 22, members and guests of the Rice Co. Genealogical Society gathered for lunch and a journey to the recently unearthed Old Prairieville Cemetery, two miles east of Faribault on Highway 60. Pioneers came to the area in 1856, establishing a town, Prairieville, and a Methodist Episcopal Church with a cemetery. The resting place for more than 40 people was abandoned in the early '30s as families moved on in search of better land and opportunities, leaving behind the graves. Stone markers were laid flat and soon hidden from sight by soil, trees and grass.

In 2008, the one acre site was awakened by Tim and Sue Lloyd and Friends of Old Prairieville Cemetery, to remember and honor those committed to the earth. Wild flowers and grasses were left to flourish where they had bloomed for decades. The cemetery, rich with history and echoes of the past, still awaits further restoration. current goals of the caretaking group are a sign and an encompassing fence, however, funds are needed.

If anyone would like to help commemorate those "almost" forgotten, donations can be sent to Friends of Old Prairieville Cemetery, P.O. Box 450, Northfield, MN 55057. For more information, go to [www.oldprairievillecem.org](http://www.oldprairievillecem.org).



## HELP WANTED

All members are encouraged to place queries with the RCGS. There is no charge and no limit to the numbers of queries per year. They will be printed as space permits and as soon as possible after they are received. Please type, print or write clearly. Words should be written in full to minimize errors. We may at our discretion use some abbreviations. Non-members will be charged a fee of \$5 per entry. In addition, we will print group sheets, ancestor charts, pedigree or Ahnentafel (European) charts, and descendant charts for people with Rice County connections - free for members, \$2 per sheet for non-members or we will print one free in connection with a non-member query submission. Again, they will be printed as space permits and as soon as possible after they are received.

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NOTICE: When members have a news item, query, list of lines being searched, or any other notice of interest to the general membership, please give or send the item to Dorothy Chester Herkenratt, 2405 NW 2nd Ave., Faribault 55021 so that it can be included in the Newsletter.

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NOTICE: We are sorry to report that Norma Gilbertson will no longer be doing research for those seeking help from the Rice County Genealogical Society.

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### UPDATE ON BRIDGEWATER TWP. MINUTE BOOKS PROJECT

We are pleased to report that the Rice County Genealogical Society's project of transcribing the minute books going back into the mid- to late-1800s held by Bridgewater Twp. is progressing well. Janalee Cooper, Bridgewater Town Clerk, reported that over 85% of the transcribing has now been completed. Currently Janalee, Audrey DeMann, Harriet Berg and Cheri Albers have been meeting on the deciphering of illegible materials in Books B and D to see if a consensus can be reached on the reading of difficult passages. As yet, the exact method of placing materials on the internet has not been made.

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### UPDATE ON DISPOSITION OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, DUNDAS

Because there have been many inquiries about what has happened to The Church of The Holy Cross in Dundas, it was felt that it might be of interest to others as well. The parish had been assured that even though the church property had been sold, parishioners would still be able to hold services of baptism, marriage and burial from the church. However, before the deed had been recorded, the pews from the church were offered for sale. Upon inquiry, parishioners were told that folding chairs would be furnished instead of the pews. Not too long after, a sale of the rest of the furnishings was held with the exception of the alter stone which was returned to the Diocese of Minnesota, the record books which were taken to All Saints Church in Northfield, the marble memorial plaques which were left on the walls, and the antique pipe organ which was sold for \$1 and taken to New York state to be held for sale. Some of the old scrapbooks and organizational books along with some of the antique altar hangings and the large, framed portrait of Alice Archibald Minor were placed in the custody of the Rice County Historical Society Museum in Faribault where copies of the birth, marriage, death and communicants records had been deposited, the copies of which had been made at the urging of the Historical Society. Eventually, even the marble plaques were removed from the walls and sold. The shell of the church still stands, but has had the south end of the parish hall addition removed and a large, new building added to it. Now the church is nearly hidden and will become more so when another large structure which is in the design stage is added. What has bothered us is that the church building, the graves, and the contents of the church were all included in the listing of items protected by being on the National Register of Historic Buildings although they were not consulted by the new owners of the property, nor did the City Council of Dundas take into consideration the historic nature of the site before granting building permits. It was through the efforts of Helen Albers, one of the descendants of the Clelands who helped build the church, and others that the graves of the Clelands and the Archibalds within their enclosures were saved from removal or destruction. So one of the most historic buildings and sites in the City of Dundas has not been preserved for future generations but has been relegated to "at one time there was...." with the furnishings scattered to the four winds.

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